Sunday 23rd March 2025

3rd Sunday in Lent Exodus 3: 1-8. 13-15 Psalm 102 1 Corinthians 10: 1-6. 10-12 Luke 13: 1-9



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March is dedicated to St Joseph, patron of the Universal Church, families, fathers, expectant mothers, travellers, immigrants, house sellers and buyers, craftsmen, engineers and working people. Masses & Devotions		
Saturday 22 nd	Adoration 4:30 pm -5:30 pm	
	Confessions 5:30 pm -6 pm	
	Mass 6 pm	David Brown RIP (SB)
Sunday 23 rd	3 rd Sunday in Lent	
	Confessions 9-9:30 am	
	Mass 9:30 am	Pro populo
Monday 24 th	-	
Tuesday 25 th	7 pm Mass (St Anthony devotion)	The Rankin Family
Wednesday 26 th	9.30 am Mass (Stations of the Cross 3pm)	Eileen Wyatt 102nd Birthday
Thursday 27 th ***	9:30 am	Healing of Robert Macintyre
Friday 28 th	9:30 am Mass	Thanksgiving
Saturday 29 th	Adoration 4:30 pm -5:30 pm	
	Confessions 5:30 pm -6 pm	
	6pm Mass	Edward Craggs RIP (SB)
Sunday 30 th	4 th Sunday in Lent	
	Confessions 9-9:30 am	
	9.30am	People of the Parish

(Rosary 15 minutes before 9:30 Mass each weekday, except Tuesday & Sunday, and before 6pm Mass on Saturday evening)

<u>St Anthony</u>: a new St Anthony statue has been donated to the Parish! We are awaiting now for the statue to be installed and blessed.

<u>St Clare's SVP Conference</u>: Visiting continues and a couple of members have visited Curzon House in Saltney that helps and houses the homeless. There is a homeless epidemic in the UK and it's good that these members give some kindness to them. Let us know of anyone in need and we will help if we can? Contact can be made via the website https://stclaressvp.co.uk or to Steve on 07838089298. Keep safe and as well as possible. God bless.

<u>Tea & Coffee after Sunday 9.30 Mass</u>: This week its Mike and Veronica with proceeds to the Holiday Home and next week its Steve & Rosemary with proceeds to the Homeless. All are welcome!

Foodbank Donations: Thanks for the donations. Please keep these coming and put them on the trolley in the cupboard next to the Altar of the Sacred Heart. They will be taken to the Warehouse at the month's end.

<u>News from School</u>: It has been wonderful to have the sunshine this week, the children have loved the freedom that playing on the field has given them. Some pupils from Year One and Year Two represented our school at a football tournament this week, showing some great skills and talent. A pupil in our Year Four class won the Chester Catholic High School art competition as part of the John McCann cup, we are very proud of her.

Jumbulance: Tony Murphy will make an appeal for helpers and sick and disabled people, and make a second collection, for the Across Pilgrimage to Lourdes by Jumbulance at next weekend's Masses.

Job offer: Attendance Officer position at the Catholic High. Full details including the application form can be found on our website Vacancies - The Chester Catholic High School.

<u>Regular Giving to the Parish</u>: For those parishioners who have used planned giving envelopes during 2024/25, new boxes of envelopes to be used from Sunday 6th April are now available in the porch. If you wish to set up a Standing Order in favour of the Parish or have not used planned giving envelopes before and would like to do so, then please either see Mike Russell after Mass or contact him on 07883 199628.

Easter Treat: request for Cadbury cream eggs to be donated for the chickens to be knitted, proceeds will go to Cafod.

<u>Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality</u>: There will be an informal meeting on Wed 9 April at 7pm, in St Columba's, Plas Newton Lane, Chester CH2 1SA to reflect on the role and purpose of the Hospitality, with a view to developing a more unified vision. All members are welcome. Please email secretary @teamshrewsbury.co.uk if you would like to attend.

Lent Series of Talks on Faith, Hope and Love: with Mrs Natalie Orefice and Fr David Irwin at St Joseph's Catholic Church, Hope Rd, Sale M33 3BF. At 7pm on 18th & 25th March and 1st April. The evening will conclude with Adoration and Compline. For Further details please contact Natalie Orefice Natalie.orefice@dioceseofshrewsbury.org or 07730 526826.

<u>SICK, ELDERLY & HOUSE BOUND</u> and those in care homes are important members of our parish community, please pray for: Judy Kearney, Rosemary Roberts, Eileen Wyatt, Veronica Creaney, Geoffrey Prendergast, Cynthia Lloyd, Alan Challinor, Jenny Jarvis, Margaret Russell, Rob Davies and Andrea Burns.

ANNIVERSARIES ABOUT THIS TIME: George Bird, Eve Crowther, Arthur Davies, Jan Zalewski, Christine Farrell and George Haddock.

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<u>Parish Office hours:</u> Wednesday 10 am to 12 noon (Parish Room)
<u>If you wish to donate to St Clare's</u>: Bank sort code 30 15 52 Acct 54579560 or see Mike Russell for a standing order.
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